GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS
ASHOK KUMAR PATEL

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) takes a long time to issue ISI mark to any product;

(b) if so, whether the Government have given directions to the Bureau of Indian Standards to expedite its processof issuing licences; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) : The existing time norms for grant of Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS) licence is 120 days. After anapplication is received from a manufacturer, the licence to use BIS Standard Mark is granted by BIS after satisfying itself that the applicant, inter alia, has the requisite manufacturing and testing facilities and capabilities to ensure that the product, for which BIS licence is sought, will continuously conform to the specifications laid down in the relevant Indian Standards. Thesamples of the product taken up during the preliminary inspection of the manufacturing plant should also pass the test conducted by approved independent laboratory. The delay in the process of granting licence occurs only when the applicant/manufacturers are not able to show compliance to the specifications stipulated in the relevant Indian Standards.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. BIS is endeavoring toreduce the existing time norm of grant of licence from 120 days to 100 days through internal measures including delegations of powers to the Branch Offices of the BIS to grant licence.